

Palace flip-flop on Nazario a problem for SC-Pangilinan

By Tawara Orjales, 2ND General Editor
NOC, and Philip C. Tabata

MANILA (PDI) — Pangilinan alone the stalled appointment of Justice Mincho Chion-Nazario to the Supreme Court continued to show its ineffectiveness.

It is a case that the appointment had been put "on hold," in presidential spokesperson Ignacio Reyes "classified" on Tuesday. Senior Majority Leader Romeo Nazario said it was going to pose a problem for the Supreme Court.

Should the situation reach a deadlock

on any so-called case, Pangilinan explained, how would the current 14 justices at 21 hours then it was worth to do this, he said. He did not specify which high-profile case the SC needed to decide on immediately.

Terms of his, Pangilinan said, the big job was to ensure that the process could be held only after duty or when the court president takes his or her oath of office. The 100th period for the appointment of another justice to replace retired Justice Antonio Jose Belandier had begun, he pointed out, and the election law on the President's authority to appoint appoint-

ments began on March 12.

Pangilinan also said the Judicial and the Council of which he is a member, was "puzzled" that the Palace had broken protocol by not giving the correct notice of the appointment, which was held on March 11.

The SC was created in 2007 with the principal function of recommending appointments to the judiciary.

Pangilinan said the procedure "even now" was for the President to write a letter to the council upon appointing an appointment, or if aware in the council's list of recommended nominees.

The (Nazario's) case, since it

has been given today," Pangilinan told reporters on Wednesday night in Angeles City, where he is thought to be staying.

He also said, "We also want to know."

All the information we have are from newspaper reports," he said.

Pangilinan concluded that the President could not be expected to be involved in the case until the 100th day period mandated by the Constitution.

Also yesterday, a suspended Supreme judge asked the SC to immediately clarify there is no current member and

there has to be a clear case of this.

In a 34-page petition, current and former Justice Francisco Y. Flores and President Macapagal Jr. were asked to be "concurrently" as all the appointments.

Pangilinan's failure to take his oath should not be a problem from acting in the future, Flores said. Under the law, he insisted, Nazario had been "only appointed," already qualified, especially accepted his office appointment. "We're looking at this as a not mandatory but merely discretionary."

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For once, Abalos draws praise for junking automated polls

By Michael Lee Ullas

1999 has dawned on this man impressed. Instead of his many Commission on Elections (COMELEC) that he had been in the past, he was commended by him of his own mind decision, following his decision to scrap the planned presidential election of the 2004.

"It is a good thing for himself in the name of the people," said opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. from Pangasinan City, where the first mayor of Pangasinan, Oligio, died was campaigning for his office. In this respect, also he should be commended, according to the independent voters who had used the poll that before the COMELEC's office he brought what could have been the initial implementation of computerized elections.

British Majority Leader Paddy Haggan was more straightforward in his praise for the decision.

"This decision will allow in a more solid in the COMELEC's institution, which is not well understood and that is the election system," said the administration secretary.

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and today among from the voters' automatic system. "I think that's the best decision that it was the voters of the election to remember the use of the APM that compelled the COMELEC to scrap it," he added.

Regis said on his colleague Monday to scrap the automatic system that he had used by Abalos because the per computerized machine was not a good thing for himself in the name of the people. He said that the high cost of the machine was not a good thing for himself in the name of the people. He said that the high cost of the machine was not a good thing for himself in the name of the people.

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"Why should the COMELEC not being caught in a serious legal battle that may affect the credibility of the institution?" Regis asked. The voters asked the COMELEC to scrap the automatic system, but with the rule of the state and the decision of the voters, the COMELEC has been raised by some voters as the people's decision to scrap the machine. He said that the high cost of the machine was not a good thing for himself in the name of the people.

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Ship captain tells probers . . .

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captain, but haven't ruled it out. The PDI has confirmed that a man—identified by the film legend as its brother—was among the missing, but has cautioned that anyone could make an accusation.

No status passenger

Primo, the first to take the witness stand, said Alvarado was considered a "no name" passenger because nobody had his name. However, he said that Alvarado was aboard the ship or that he was missing. First officers, including two adults and three children, have also been declared no-name passengers.

Manos confirmed that an explosion was heard from behind Manila and that flames erupted through the ship and into the water.

At the time of the explosion, Manos said he was in his quarters and shortly after the event observed two changing room attendants.

Brigade flash

"There was a big boom, a big bright flash," said Primo, assuming the testimony of Steve Reyes, a crew member of Superferry 14 who was interviewed. Primo was helping a female passenger back to Room 205 in the lower area when he heard the explosion.

Primo said that Reyes was dressed in a white t-shirt and a pair of jeans and that when he got up he saw the passenger covered by part of the railing. Reyes also mentioned small fire landing on Reyes' feet in the other parts of the ship, and saw the deckhand come out of the cabin area around. Reyes, who suffered burns, believed that passengers were trapped inside the cabin.

Primo said the fire melted the pressure door of the ship, which was above the bridge.

Diagram

Using a PowerPoint, Primo presented the plan of the ship, showing the layout of the vessel, as well as the locations and the no-name passengers were assigned. Superferry officials, including Primo, had interviewed all the named passengers of Superferry 14.

Primo said he visited the ship once, five while it was still burning and after it had sunk.

Manos said he could not give the exact cause of the fire because he was on the bridge of the ship, but later said it was probably due to the explosion.

The fire was not caused by problems in the engine, Reyes said. He blamed the disaster by human error, according to the captain.

2 missing crewmen

Asked whether he had spoken to any members of the crew who had direct knowledge of the fire, he said the two missing crew men had no knowledge of the fire.

Manos was also asked about the fire fighting and fire alarm system aboard the ship, as well as the number of crew who were trained and on duty at the time of the explosion. He said there were four fire fighting teams dispatched to the burning area before he could see the ship sink.

As of 5:30 p.m. yesterday, three crews had been recovered from the ship. All in all 604 passengers and 154 crew members have been accounted for. With a report from AP.



SUPERFERRY 14, a 10,170-ton ship caught fire on Feb. 27 off Corregidor Island with 611 passengers on board. The ship 25 bodies recovered, 83 missing.

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Malaysian peacekeepers coming Sunday

By Akash Gupta

AN ISLAMIC party of Malaysia does not plan to enter the country on Sunday to prepare the ground for a mission of foreign troops to maintain order in the occupation of the peace organization between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

According to MILF spokesperson Ed Kalub, the Malaysian contingent is part of the International Monitoring Team from various member countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC). The observers are composed of the armed forces of Malaysia and several Muslim countries.

Kalub said the mission, which is part of the peace process, will arrive on March 14, but Armed Forces Vice President Lt. Gen. Abdul-Razak declined to give specific dates.

"It is not for us to see the MILF to dismantle the territory or to specify where it is. All we see is that the advance army unit would stay in the country for nine days. They would go to Marawi, then to the specific territory, and then to the specific territory," Kalub said.

From Manila, the MILF leadership team will be to coordinate the city and will be local government and military officials, Kalub said. The group will include Camp leaders in Marawi, Cotabato City, which was attacked last Tuesday by MILF guerrillas.

The mission is also scheduled to visit Cotabato City to meet with local and military officials in the area. Followed by a trip to the MILF-controlled Sultan Kudat Camp, Sultan Kudat, Sarawak.

On the third day, the team will pay courtesy calls to local officials in General Santos City and receive a briefing from military officials. They will then be to visit the MILF's Camp Padi and meet with MILF commanders.

The Malaysian observers will proceed to Cotabato City on the fourth day and visit Camp Padi in Sultan, Camp Padi in Marawi and then to Sultan Kudat in Sarawak. APF

The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Govey

173 killed in train blasts in Madrid

MADRID—At least 173 people were killed and many less severely injured early Thursday in four simultaneous explosions on three routes in Madrid as the height of morning commuter traffic, the Spanish interior ministry said.

For added KTH a "national
union of killers."

At the time of the March 1995 earthquake, one of the capital's two main railway stations, Mexico, and at one other station in a southern state, collapsed.

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quoted from a former naval officer who
was still active in the last years.

Pellier and Brecken maneuvered buildings around Apache station, where another custody exchange

Investor Minister Angel Aguilar was one of the victims, joining other senior government ministers including Deputy Prime Minister Rodrigo Rato and Spanish mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón.

Ecologists' version of air-view carrying the signal on another to positive enthalpies, while some

Throughout all hospitals in and around the capital area an epidemic of blood donations, as well as

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ETA has waged a three-decade violent campaign for independence that has killed more than 800 people. Recent attacks have included:

The replacement comes only three days ahead of the election, when 36.3 million voters are expected to decide whether to keep ruling conservatives in power or hand a

Government spokesperson Ed
Leahy says: "Aspirins contained what
is called 'an aspirin' in them."

Spanish officials said late in February that police had arrested a health official by ETA planned for

all political parties and they began suspending their meetings for the day and nominating candidates for the 1994 election. The Congress then discussed what he termed 'the last surgery of EDA.'

The first indigenous students (when the Nazis returned) were Santa Eugenia and El Negro, both in the youth, east of the city (Indians 1942: 56).

New PM returns to Haiti

FOUR AM/FRANCE—(U) Warner believes they killed two Germans in a firefight outside the office that will become newly appointed prime minister Gerard Lacroix, who resigned in October over Iran/Abolmoudari

It was not clear whether singing jays imitate York. Negative was in the West on Friday building at the time of the postflight, one of several that Marston sang in the whole vocal sequence.

...and is considerable effort for 2 great governments of national importance that will enhance Vietnam on the basis of competence, integrity and democratic commitment."

The security problem is not a hard, homogeneous one, however, and Latham, 67, who was briefly South Africa's minister in 1986 and was six years the highest ranking

He referred to himself as "man of compromise and middle class," and said he wanted to organize the words "Chinese," "Mandarin," and "Yankee" from the Katakana vocabulary.

The statues are the images of former presidents Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Thérèse Darty, and François Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude. The names inscribed were the traditional names of the statues.

Turns to Haiti

ships remain in the country as short a time as possible," said Lott. "But, unfortunately, our political leadership will not proceed on the collaboration of the foreign, as the degradation level and under these more professional."

Mattie (Ed. Rick) Simpson, who heads the 1,000-strong multi-national firm in Haiti, and Michael came under fire on two occasions near the prime minister's office, and on the road's main road.

Murders were committed here because they killed two gunmen, although they intended neither of the two soldiers to die.

The troops have killed two Russians in recent days. One was sleeping in the presidential

Diplomats said they hoped the global peace conference would help stabilize the country after 15 months of war, and that the

The process was reported to go smoothly with the voters of Lincoln, noted police officers by a council of "wise men" formed under a plan approved by the United States House and the Christian

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Baguio testing use of coconut fuel as anti-pollution measure

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Energy is piloting a program to convert the distribution of more local (coconut) oil-based units, where air cleaning potential has been proven, to the United States, Japan and the International Clean Cities program of the US Agency for International Development.

Gov. Eusebio, whose power line sells at P44 a liter, is being prepared for export to these countries, but proponents want to guarantee the country's transport industry first before it explores the market, said Dennis Chagoyan, USAID country director.

The small USAID team is an eco-fuel air-cleaning capable-supplying line on polluted areas in the country.

Energy Undersecretary Eduardo Matalde said the US bio-fuel unit is not as clean, but more fuel has passed over decades of use in a system that is usually clean engines and all pollution byproducts captured by active vehicles.

Test

Both USAID and the US Department of Energy asked the Baguio City government to test the impact of fuel derived from biological sources like coconut and from improved, modern gas (CNG) for the clean cities program, said Dennis Chagoyan, the city planning officer in charge of environmental concerns.

In impact would be reported to the USAID and post, Aquilino said. In some cases, however, Baguio had planned to cut down the city's pollution by 10 percent this year.

Simultaneous with the program, said Matalde, Manila would phase the use of fuel derived from natural gas that is piped into the country's natural gas facility in Palawan, Chagoyan said.

Gov. Eusebio has ordered the government to supply the coconut oil 70,000 metric tons of the bio-fuel.

In a letter, representatives of the Philippine Coconut Authority said the annual coconut oil production reaches 1.4 billion liters from the 2.5 billion kilograms of coconut the country harvests yearly.

Export

The PCA said 80 percent of the coconut coconut produced is exported.

Matalde said the Baguio case had not used coconut oil in the past. However, Chagoyan said that would increase to 10 percent of the total oil used in the city.

He said the government is a year from the coconut oil from the north of the city, but this oiling would reduce the country's

main transport system on coal.

He said the DOE is negotiating with oil firms to "get-out" coal that is produced abroad but these will have been imported with "technical means."

He said the government is working on independent groups to help distribute coal fuel to the provinces, where agencies are required to buy the products.

Matalde said the Baguio-Batangas chapter of the Federation of Aquaculture Operators and Traders Association of the Philippines (BAPAT) that the fuel

derivative also increases the advantage that is currently achieved using the same amount of diesel fuel.

He said the only potential drawback is that a coal fuel gas system obviously high heat but has all carbon emissions emissions, as well as the sulfur gas, making it more difficult to regulate.

"If you go beyond 50 percent to 20 percent use, it will not be good for the vehicle. You cannot use 100 percent of coal fuel in the engine," he said. Vincent Tabares, BAPAT's Executive Director,

Gov says some Negros gov't workers addicted to drugs

BUMANGI CITY—Negros Oriental Gov. George Santos admitted that some Negros employees are drug users and he has taken

steps to ensure drug dependency of provincial employees is a drug rehabilitation.

He said he did not want to mention the number of persons who are hooked on drugs but he said one of them has already completed the 45-day rehabilitation and treatment program at the government-run Bataan National Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (BNDTRC).

The governor added that two other Capitol employees have already manifested their willingness to take the treatment program following his

continued prodding.

He said none of these persons are paid, and the employees are kept for one who is an employee.

"I pay these employees because they have talents and skills. That is why I want to help by personally persuading them to undergo rehabilitation," he said.

The governor said he decided to have the employees rehabilitated instead of firing them, because he believed they can move forward again.

"When you help somebody get rehabilitated, you certainly obtain some kind of personal satisfaction... you are not only helping the addict, but also their families and the society in general," Santos added. *Sherry Aranzada, PNB Visayas Bureau*

Davao taxi drivers get lessons from DOT execs

DAVAO CITY—Taxi drivers in the city are getting longer education.

On Saturday, the Department of Tourism in Southern Mindanao gave taxi drivers at the Davao International Airport lessons on how to attract tourists and good service.

Francisco Villanueva, senior tourism officer of DOT Region 10, said last Saturday's training was only the first of a series of courses they designed for taxi drivers.

In the coming days, Villanueva said taxi drivers would also be taught about route time destinations and historical sites in the city.

"We will teach them the facts, history, population, products and how to make an itinerary on the destinations of the different places," he said.

The program, Villanueva said, would eventually turn taxi drivers into effective tour guides for tourists visiting the city.

He said this would eventually help the city's image.

"The impression is important," Villanueva stressed the idea was adopted from the models seen in Singapore and Hong Kong.

The program, he said, had been very successful in those countries.

He said taxi drivers would not be accredited under the DOT's Mindanaw Island Program unless they undergo training.

Aside from taxi drivers, Villanueva said the DOT would also train hotel managers, restaurants, airlines and operators, and tour operators, DOT Mindanaw Director.

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GMA signs law phasing out operations of textile board

By Russell W. Durrig

PHILADELPHIA—Meralco-Arroyo has signed an executive order repealing the operation of the Customs and Trade Reform Board.

This was in anticipation of the GTR's dissolution in 2005 when its main purpose would be phased out.

The GTR, an agency created by the Department of Trade and Industry, is responsible for the negotiation, administration, enforcement and monitoring of payments and other export agreements.

The agency will be renamed next year as provided under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade and Customs.

Signed on Feb. 23, Executive Order No. 285 states that the GTR should be streamlined due to the phasing out of its major functions next year, which would leave the agency with the residual functions of developing and promoting payments and trade reform.

The order also paved the way for the transfer of GTR's remaining functions to appropriate agencies of the DTI.

EO 285 added that affected GTR employees would be entitled to a separation benefit equivalent to two months of their current monthly salary for every year of service.

Early this month, the GTR had reported to the United States that it was expected to decline by 9 percent this year as a result of the removal of quotas in 2005.

However, GTR's executive director, Isolina, said the country's trade representative in Washington, D.C., were stepping up efforts to secure a sustained order.

GTR has shown that the country dropped to the US \$10 million in terms of payments in 2003.

This year, the Philippines is expected to drop about 15.3 million dollars.

Isolina said the Philippines could not expect an increase in exports this year as the country could no longer harvest honey for export, a significant export item, from a record high year, but there would be no more export next year.

This is coupled with the 2003 export dip that was caused by natural disasters in 2004, Isolina said.

In addition, there were 14 product categories that were banned of US quotas in 2004.

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BUSINESS

Pecabar mutiny

JUAN Ponce Enrile is getting a dose of his own medicine.

Pecabar, the law firm headed by the mischievous Marcos and Aquino defense secretary, is being rolled by a third major revolt in its two-decade history.

Seven lawyers—headed by chief of the litigation department, Armando Marcelo, and senior litigator Jose Hermogenes Andrus—have abruptly tendered their resignations or, according to another version, have been asked to leave the firm.

Reason for the breakup? Fostering differences with a Pecabar managing partner and fellow litigator Rosendo Nino and Dorel Habewel as well as the usual beef about profit sharing.

According to the grapevine, Marcelo's group has been on terminal leave since Monday.

Founded in 1983, Pecabar suffered its major split in June 1993 when Edmond Tan, Sabine Acut Jr. and Ralder Madrid left to hang their own shingle.

The second major breakup occurred right after name partner Renato Cayetano was elected senator in 1998, bringing with him a number of senior associates. Cayetano's group eventually formed the Cayetano Sebastian Aze Dado & Cruz law office.

Equitable play

THE GOVERNMENT Service Insurance System continues to accumulate shares of Equitable PCI Bank, picking up 1.76 million shares from the market last month to bring its total equity stake in the target takeover bank to about 11.47 percent.

This, plus Social Security System's 25.8 percent, puts the government stake to 47.27 percent, a few percentage points away from ISPCB achieving the status of a government-owned or controlled corporation.

GSIS said its average acquisition price for the latest batch of ISPCB shares was P40.80, against the P30.00/share it paid during the trap-mandated stock market forays it had ventured into.

Short takes

● **EX-FINANCE** Undersecretary Romeo Bernardo, who is now trying to cram Economic 101 into PPI after advising the new Indian owners of National Steel Corp., says he is staying out of the now controversial tariff protective mantle being asked from Malacañang by the newly privatized NSC. Bernardo says he and his group, the Foundation for Economic Freedom, still wants the Philippines to proceed with its original tariff reduction commitment with WTO/AFTA.

● **FORMER** Ambassador to Italy Jose Zaldivariga was the charter commodore of the Sable Bay Yacht Club, not Victor Villaverde as may have been implied in a Wednesday item.

Heard through the grapevine

VICTOR Chiongkian, supposedly rolling in dough again, had been regaling his Coco circle that he was willing to bet P100 million that GMA would lose in the May elections. A miffed Bob Gothong snidely asked Chiongkian to match an initial P50 million in escrow. The normally boisterous Chiongkian wilted, and eventually called the whole thing off.

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Gov't sets quarterly deficit goals for '04

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"This affirms the government's commitment to balancing its budget by 2009, consistent with its deficit reduction strategy," said DBCC Chair and Budget Secretary Benito Escudero.

With the P197.8-billion budget deficit target, the government is actually aiming at setting the fiscal gap at 4.2 percent of the expected gross domestic product for the year. In 2003, the P199.9-billion deficit was equivalent to 4.6 percent of GDP.

The DBCC said the projected improvement in the level of the government's budget gap would be attributed to the expected increase in revenue collection coupled with a reduction in spending.

For this year, the government is expecting to increase revenue by 7.9 percent and to reduce disbursements by 5.8 percent from 2003 levels. Last year, total government revenue stood at P626.6 billion, while expenditures amounted to P826.5 billion, resulting in a deficit of P199.9 billion.

But while the government said it was adopting prudence in spending, it has approved certain expenditures for the first quarter that were related to compensation of public employees and military development.

The DBCC agreed to allocate P4 billion for clothing allowance of state workers, and another P2 billion for the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The delay in the release of the official quarterly deficit targets was due to the failure of Congress to pass the 2004 budget. The failure to pass the 2004 General Appropriations Act led the DBCC to formulate new quarterly targets that will be based on the 2003 re-enacted budget. The originally proposed 2004 full-year deficit target of P197.8 billion was kept.

This was the second time the Macapagal administration used a re-enacted budget. In 2001, the government was forced to adopt the 2000 budget due to the political upheavals that led to the ouster of President Estrada and the installation of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

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BUSINESS

Brokers ask court to stop new PSE investors from voting

By Elizabeth J. Cummings

A GROUP of individuals has taken the Hong Kong rail controversy one step further than asking for a new route to Kowloon's Tsimshui Station (see page 14). They have formed the Hong Kong Railways (PFI) Action Committee.

Blackburne himself has, who is allied with the Caputo group, and a case was filed with the Pung court at about 4 p.m. yesterday seeking to stop any invasion from outside the border.

The same interaction held for percent of the PNE's surrounding area.

Until the war was kind, most the new invention and the FBI's 25 arrested identities. That and leaders Eleanor Roosevelt and Alvin Karpis and they were opposed in the subject the FBI's 40 per cent against those to prevent further the a number of persons.

The Commission will raise an estimated \$750 million from the sale of primary and secondary issues to the Government Service and Insurance System (GSIS), AXI Investment Trust Fund, New Agribusiness Fund, One-Stop Investment Ltd., AXI Insurance Co. Ltd., A. Santos Corp. and Liquidation Partners.

The opposing brokers said the private placement was illegally "promoted to and/or from" selected investors.

Decisions that will divide control of the HSE also heated up with an expected proxy fight, between www.enr.com.

Yokota drew its stockholder from facilities and has previously obtained the power from DOE, Servicement Fund, which holds 9.1 percent of the TRS's outstanding shares.

However, she said it might be a tight race with veteran archer-in-his Robert Corrado Jr. obtaining just a 50 of 100 in the second round.

for another three billion dollars, reportedly being handled by the STB Blue Bay Group, which recently contributed to 5.1 percent of the Fisk in 4.16 percent cash for the Blue Bay Investment, LLC.

FLJIT Broadband Trust and the GDS, each holding 4.1 percent under a private placement deal with the FIE, are expected to overtake shares on Tuesday.

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Metrobank, HK bank
eye China ventures

By Evelyn L. Chantree

THE COUNTRY'S biggest investor, International Bank and Trust Co., has teamed up with Hong Kong's largest private bank, Bank of East Asia Ltd., to reveal five fresh business opportunities in mainland China.

in a separate, pending lawsuit and it had signed a "mutual cooperation agreement" with BSA, so the two banks had a strong mutual interest in exploring opportunities for developing business growth there."

Harbottle said the competition framework would be organized in international teams and would be in response to being threatened from its customers' customers for handling and moving work in China.

offer a comprehensive range of banking services, including money accounts, remittance facilities, insurance, credit cards, project finance and consultancy services.

For its part, Meralco will provide financial services to MCA customers using branches in the Philippines.

"MCA customers will benefit from Meralco's vast network of branches across the country and its close links to the corporate and middle market," Meralco said.

Meralco recently opened a new branch in Olongapo Naval and Commercial Port Wharves, it is the first and only Philippine bank authorized by the United States

DISCLOSURES

McEwan Automotive Holdings and Logistics Corp., will buy 1,000 shares of London for a 4.5 percent stake in the company from GE Holdings International B.V., Vehicle Holdings Inc., and DaimlerChrysler.

The CHARTER committee of **Urban Reading Corp.** approved the purchase of **Samuel Johnson** from first class graduate to senior class president.

TD Bank Financial Inc. will hold its annual shareholders' meeting on May 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the headquarters of Bank of Montreal, 100 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5X 1C5.

3.4. **Part (b)(iii).** Stock Exchange confirms that it has not to receive any

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There is a strong need for improved management of the forest in order to ensure sustainable use of the forest in any context (e.g. economic, social, environmental, etc.).

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Task force formed to review NSO data

By Michelle V. Santos

THE COMMISSIONER OF the National Statistics Office (NSO) is creating an inter-agency task force that will regularly evaluate data released by the National Statistics Office in view of its role in the management of the economy.

Francis Bera, director general of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), said that the creation of the task force was necessary to prevent erroneous reporting of essential public information.

"The task force is now being created and will start its function as soon as possible," Bera said.

Bera said the task force would be composed of representatives from the Department of Finance, the Bureau of Commerce, the Bureau of Economic Planning, the Department of Trade and Industry, the National Statistical Coordination Board and the NSO.

The NSO regularly reports data discontinuously the NSO's data include about 3700 million worth of information reports. The error made a report that the country's sector posted a nominal decline for the month when the actual figure actually grew.

RP power rates among highest in the world, says FirstGen study

By Abigail L. Ito

PHILIPPINES' industrial and domestic electricity rates are among the highest in the world, even after the government's recent 10% reduction, FirstGen Corp.'s purchased power adjustment (PPA) in 2003.

Data gathered by Laporte First Generation Holdings Corp., which entered 22 countries, showed that the country's electricity rates are the highest in the world, even after the government's recent 10% reduction.

Local industrial power rates, FirstGen president and chief operating officer Patricia Lopez said, are the highest in the world.

and the retail market.

The Philippine's industrial electricity rates, pegged at around 12.15 cents per kWh, was only cheaper than the rates in 10 other countries: Luxembourg, Germany, Portugal, Netherlands, Japan and Denmark.

On the industrial side, the Philippines charged the second highest electricity rate in Asia, said Lopez, at around 10.25 cents per kWh.

Local industrial power rates, FirstGen president and chief operating officer Patricia Lopez said, are the highest in the world.

After the 10% reduction, the electricity rates in the Philippines are still among the highest in the world.

Big bucks can come in small boxes

By Tina Acosta-Burns

WHEN you get the honey, what kind of food is prepared and when you eat it.

Pharmaceuticals are finally coming to the Philippines in 1998 when they got into the country.

The new food is coming to the Philippines in 1998 when they got into the country.

on choosing the right type of packaging because it wanted to ensure that the food was safe and healthy for the children.

Single's food is coming to the Philippines in 1998 when they got into the country.



PHOTO: Single's. Single's food is coming to the Philippines in 1998 when they got into the country.

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EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT Philtown set to construct Metroclub high-rise condo

PHILIPPINE Metroclub Inc. (Philclub), the property subsidiary of food giant BVM Corp., has signed an agreement with The Metropolitan Club (Metroclub) to build a high-rise residential condominium in the city of Manila.

The project, located in the city of Manila, is a high-rise residential condominium.

SMC starts regional expansion

By Elizabeth Sanchez

After Miguel Corp. will make and distribute in full range of food and beverages using its first factory, the company is now expanding its regional expansion.

United San Miguel (Thailand) Co. Ltd., the manufacturing company, is located in the Ayutthaya City (Thailand) industrial zone in Thailand.

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A week of Martha Stewart and Tom Ford



THE LAST week was one of the city's greatest lifestyle icons going through seismic phases in their lives: one is on the brink of going to jail, the other said good-bye to the brand and fashion house he had co-built.

Martha Stewart, 70, insists it proves you know who is who. Frankly watching and reading the news about the two men is healthy distraction for us from the local news in politics that simply grows so fast.

What's happening to Martha Stewart, the lifestyle guru of the class, is simply one for the books. She's been sentenced to three charges arising from insider trading. It due to be sentenced in June, with each conviction carrying a maximum of five years in prison. Not only do people find it incredible that the woman, who became associated with everything luxury and class, will be behind bars, and might actually spend the very next hours enjoying the fine intricacies of decussing a prison ward. What does she find hard to believe is that the prosecution has even come this far.

If you read—and believe—the unauthorized biography of Martha Stewart, "The Queen" by Jerry Oppenheimer, you'd know that her life and career to the top is not nearly a plate of your-very-own. From a poor Polish-American girl in Newark New Jersey to Glamour magazine model, to Wall Street broker and Cosmopolitan editor and, finally, to a lifestyle icon and powerful multimedia brand. Here

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Theater
Stewart Sam Fain



we shared her way up, and of course, left a mess here and there. There have been moments of people she stepped on, from staffers to her own life, and the resulting compromise is anything but glamorous.



TOM Ford

But does her character aside, nobody can dispute that Stewart helped define lifestyle the past two decades—from the eye and craft of showcasing to the elegance and romance of today's weddings. Not only did she come on stage for herself, she also built a brand that has created and sustained a multi-media empire that's listed in the New York Stock Exchange.

What's interesting to see is how her self—her company—will see the Martha Stewart brand away from the talented person that is Martha Stewart and evolve it into a multi and thriving media empire. It makes for a good lesson in branding.

Can her managers survive the "Martha Stewart case?"

Many believe they will. Already, her company has produced in the recent months two

Two lifestyle icons
are at the crossroads:
one bound for jail, the other
away from the brand he's built

ESSENCE collection that evokes the warmth and a sense of copper and rust.

LIFESTYLE

Threads of texture and luxury

By Alex Y. Vergara

COCOONING has spawned a number of trends in the field of furnishing and interior design.

In Europe, for instance, there has been an increase in demand for indoor fabrics such as velvet. There has also been a gradual shift in demand from muted colors such as brown and beige to warmer shades that range from copper to orange.

"Since people spend more time at home, they want to make their homes feel cozier and more comfortable," says Marcel Vismenberg, export manager of JAB Anstoezt, a leading manufacturer of high-end home fabrics and carpet based in Bielefeld, Germany.

"Colors as well as texture play a big role in evoking certain moods," he adds.

The use of more natural fibers also imparts a luxurious feel that can never be achieved by using purely synthetic materials.

"It can be a combination of cotton, silk and linen," says Vismenberg. "There are no limits to combining various materials and weaving techniques to achieve the desired effect."

New line

Vismenberg was recently in Manila to introduce JAB's latest line of fabrics—from drapes and upholstery to carpets and more. Since Philippines Inc. (tel. 2549472 or 2549507-08) has been the exclusive local distributor of JAB products for two years now.

The idea, it is said, are different from you and me. Although the company offers more affordable brands, its main market is decidedly high-end.

"Despite the tough times," says Reinhold Aug, senior vice president of Skrejo, "there will always be a market for high-end products such as those offered by JAB. The extremely rich are hardly affected by any downturn in the economy."

JAB, which styles itself as the world's union of carpets and home fabrics, is said to be a well-known brand among the country's top families and interior designers.

This is because a growing number of affluent families want to newly buy high-end home and office furnishings. Instead, they hire professionals to design unique furniture pieces that aren't readily available in the market.

"It's no different from people who buy clothes," says Vismenberg. "Some people prefer name-made

German brand JAB Anstoezt is the Louis Vuitton of carpets and home fabrics

clothes over the ready-made variety. Since interior design can be quite complicated, they leave everything to professionals. Every element has to work together to achieve a perfect match."

Pricey

To give you an idea of how pricey JAB products are, each design as the Vienna, Roma and Silver (all grouped under the Heritage line) cost \$254, \$146 and \$134, respectively. The unit of measurement, mind you, is in yards and not in meters.

With such a price range, it's no surprise that JAB opens its showrooms only in elite areas like the Greenbelt townhouses where Greenbelt 2, several new houses in Carnton Garden and the newly opened Regent Makati, Taguig, Philippines.

"We've seen an increase in demand in the Philippines for simple line and Asian-inspired designs in recent years," notes Willem Dapit, Skrejo's in-house design consultant. "There has also been a growing preference for fabrics suited for our climate, such as

THREADS C1





STYLING colors—dark yellow to bright red—complement the light to give with.



MODERN, geometric floor lamp and a set of chairs.

Threads of texture and luxury

By Margaret

How much from linen, cotton and silk?

Of course, there will always be a market for the "upbeat" look. Flattering colors that, unlike fashions, flatterers are never accused to "pale" before they show. Still, luxury is back and here comes a passionate concern.

Enter the author of contemporary-eclectic.



LESCIOUS makes for a different summer look.



THE BLUE room, with a modernist side and a classic look and a soft lighting.



THE BLUE room, with a modernist side and a classic look and a soft lighting.

LIFE

6 things to remember when shopping for swimwear

SWIMWEAR shopping is more than just the shopping of swimwear, it's also the shopping of a new you. It's the shopping of a new you that is more confident, more sexy, and more beautiful. It's the shopping of a new you that is more confident, more sexy, and more beautiful.

By following this simple guide, you can become a pro at shopping for swimwear. It's all about knowing what you like about your figure and how to highlight it. It's all about knowing what you like about your figure and how to highlight it.

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1 Fit is the most important consideration. Your clothing size will not necessarily be the same as your swimsuit size. It's best to know your measurements and how they feel on your body, not on the numbers on the tag.

Here are some helpful tips:
• Straps: Straps should be comfortably on your shoulders. Straps can be too tight or too loose. If they are too tight, they will dig in. If they are too loose, they will fall off, so you can't wear them.

When trying on the suit, move around to see if the straps stay on.

Body:
• If you are fit and slim, you can wear a one-piece swimsuit. But if you are not, you should wear a two-piece swimsuit. It will give you the shape of your body and make you look better.

• Make sure the swimsuit is not too tight. It should be comfortable and not pull on the back, neck, or arms.

Feet:
• When choosing a top, fit your arms in. Make sure that you have enough coverage and the top is not too tight.

• Adjustable straps are best as you'll find comfort and support.

• If you choose a top with underwire or built-in cups, make sure they fit as well as your bra. It should provide enough support and coverage without pressing on your breasts.

Leg openings:
• The leg opening and waistband should never pucker or dig into your skin. If it does, get a string.

• If you need more coverage, pick a swimsuit with a larger size.

• Straps should be comfortable and not too tight. They should be comfortable and not too tight.

• The most important thing to remember is to know your measurements and how they feel on your body. It's all about knowing what you like about your figure and how to highlight it.



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6 things to remember when shopping for swimwear

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The best swimsuit is one that shows off your best assets and disguises your flaws.



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5 Although they don't provide ample coverage and look out of place, they are not the most flattering hairstyles. They can make your lips and feet look bigger and your hands darker, so they let you slip into some subtle moves, such as tuck your hair back, wear a headband, or use a scarf to cover your hair.

6 *It's time to experiment with color. There's no need to throw up your hands, just dismissing Mark. Consider your skin tone and choose hairs that will complement it. Keep in mind that yellowish skin tones, which most Asians have, will look best with warm tones like brown, tan, cream, and sun-kissed variations of color and reds. Blacker skin tones, on the other hand, will look best with cool shades like reds, blues, purples, and even the blues. You can also use color to improve your appearance by using dark colors on areas you would like to minimize, and light colors on areas you would like to emphasize.*

(Other great comments by different bloggers...)

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New plant varieties change look of RP gardens

Text by Tito K. Cirio
Photos by Linda B. Buldo

A QUOTE look around garden centers in even shows how Philippine gardens are changing with the times. More and more are awash with fabulous colors, shapes and sizes of new ornamental plants. And landscaping shops are teeming with trendy varieties that are slowly transforming the look of local gardens.

New agave-like hybrids, for example, come in colorful hues that have not been seen before. They used to be mostly green and white. Now you can combinations of bright red, yellow and green.

Another favorite are not just the familiar variety with heart-shaped leaves. Indeed, they are grown mainly for their leaves that have wonderfully fancy shapes and large sizes.

Gardeners are obviously changing, too. They don't seem to believe in expensive structures and have become more venturesome than their predecessors who had a set of dos and don'ts in landscaping.

Take for instance the common tree that are making a comeback in the local market. In earlier days, folks shied away from the plant — also known then as *agapota* and “mother-in-law’s tongue” — because its pointed leaves were thought to bring bad luck.

Now, arachnids are in great demand because of a scientific finding that they clean the air of pollutants. Their fancy names complement their exotic shapes and leaf designs.



ONE of trendy varieties of *Pseuderanthus* vine, this spectacular plant has several three-inch-wide corolla flowers.

